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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WATER USERS  
OF THE BEAVER RIVER WATER SYSTEM  
Feb. 20, 1963

Pursuant to notice given by the State Engineer, a meeting of the water users of the Beaver River System was held in the Community Center, Beaver, Utah at 9:00 A.M. on the above date.

Present from the State Engineer's office were the following: Donald C. Norseth, Frank Reese, Keith Higgins<sup>gn</sup> and Richard Pixton.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Norseth who in turn explained the purpose of the meeting which consisted of the adoption of a budget for the coming year, the recommendation to the State Engineer by the water users, a water commissioner for the 1963 year, and any other business which may come before the users. The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Yardley. Victor Smith, secretary, was unable to attend the meeting on account of court. Arnold J. Low was requested to act as secretary.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Beaver Water Users held Feb. 27, 1962 were read. It was moved by John White, seconded by Stan McKnight, and unanimously passed that the minutes be approved.

Frank Reese gave the annual financial report of the Beaver River System showing a balance on hand as of the beginning of the year \$2101.06; receipts for the year 1962, \$3033.26, which consisted of \$2980.88 as regular assessments and \$52.38 as special collections; expenditures were \$4400.80, leaving a balance on hand of \$733.52. Mr. Reese enumerated a number of things which contributed to a higher expenditure, such as the Water Users share in the purchase of an adding machine for the Water Commissioner which amounted to \$175.00.

The question was raised as to the status of delinquent assessments. Mr. Reese explained that the major portion of this amount was current and that the State Engineer had written notices to the respective individuals. The amount uncollected is \$378.24. Robert Christensen motioned, seconded by Ray Kesler and passed that the financial report be approved.

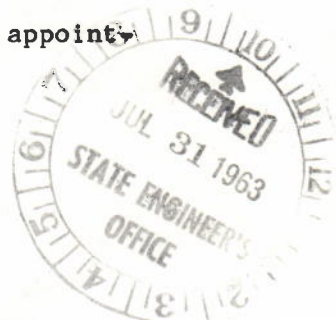
Lee Strong, Water Commissioner, gave his annual report giving the water measurements as compared with last year. At this time, water prospects for the coming year are anything but encouraging.

Considerable discussion was entered into on the water situation of the Telluride Power Co. Measurements were made for the purpose of ascertaining the loss of water in the pipe line. Some of the committee were not satisfied with the measurements and procedure of obtaining the information, while others of the committee expressed themselves that they felt it was reasonably accurate.

It was moved by Waldo Yardley, seconded by Clark Smith and unanimously passed that the report of the water commissioner be approved.

The next order of business was the selection of an applicant to be recommended to the State Engineer for appointment as water commissioner for the year 1963. Lee Strong was the only application submitted for the position. The chairman read the application. Clark Smith made a motion that Lee Strong be recommended to the State Engineer for appointment as water commissioner for the year 1963. This was seconded by Martel Easton and passed.

Mr. Norseth, by authority of the State Engineer, made the appointment of Mr. Strong to be the commissioner.



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The election of a Beaver River Water Users Committee was next in order.

Albert Muir moved that the members of the present Board be retained for the year 1963. This was seconded by Clark Smith and passed.

The setting up of a budget for 1963 was discussed in which Mr. Norseth stated that if Senate Bill 119 was enacted, it would entail more expense in administering the distribution of the water.. A motion was made by Stan McKnight that the Secretary write our State Senator and representative requesting them to have all water river funds deleted in this bill in which such funds would remain as they are in place of being transferred to the State Treasury. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Roberts and passed.

Robert Christensen made a motion that the 1963 budget be \$4135.00. This was seconded by Clark Smith and passes unanimously.

Earl Smith asked the question who is responsible for the distribution of the water in the City ditches. There was considerable discussion. Mr. Strong stated that he must have jurisdiction over this in order to perform his duties in an equitable distribution. It was noted that a number of ditches receiving water directly from irrigation canals have no supervision as to turning on and off the water which is used by city property.

Martel Easton, Beaver City Mayor, stated he would be in favor of having the water commissioner, Mr. Strong, assume the responsibility of distribution of City Water in all the city ditches.

Gordon Roberts made a motion that the water commissioner be in charge of the distribution of City water. The motion was seconded by John White and passed.

Bob Nowers stated that three measuring devices on South Creek and Birch Creek had not been ordered.

Mr. Norseth stated that all parties who had received notification as to the installation of measuring devices would be expected to have this performed before receiving any water in the spring.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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